Samarpan 2025: A Celebration of Silent Heroes and Selfless Service

Noida – Where there is empathy, there is creation. Where there is compassion, there is upliftment. And when both transform into duty, events like "**Samarpan**" are born. What began as a pledge by "**Navratan Foundations**" 23 years ago – to bring the marginalized into the mainstream – has, in 2025, evolved into a moving celebration of service and humanity.

Held at the NEA Auditorium in Noida, the event began with a soulful Ganesh Vandana – not just a tradition, but a luminous beginning that symbolized the awakening of humanity. In that light stood the unsung heroes of India, whose quiet service has shaped society from the shadows. From Chandan Kumar Dubey, hailing from a remote district in Bihar, to Vicky Yadav, who tirelessly fights for the rights of the disabled and underprivileged children in Noida's slums; from PARI, a Delhi-based organization giving voice to rape survivors, to Ananya Paul Dodmani of Dharwad, an embodiment of women's dignity –

every honoree was a beacon of hope and humanity.

This was no ordinary award ceremony. It was a heartfelt salute to those whose hands support the frail, whose smiles ignite hope in the hopeless. It was a recognition of silent strength and tireless compassion.

Justice Arvind Srivastava (Retd.), Chief Patron of the Foundation, proudly proclaimed, “Navratan is not merely an institution, it is a sensitive soul. Over 22 years, it has honored more than 500 selfless changemakers through the **Samarpan Awards**.” This year, approximately 15 remarkable individuals were honored with shawls, commemorative mementos, and cash prizes of ₹11,000 and ₹21,000 in heartfelt appreciation of their service.

Former District Magistrate **N.P. Singh**, in a deeply moving address, stated, “If I were to call any organization a saint, it would be Navratan. And if I were to name a true servant of society, it would be its founder, Dr. Ashok Srivastava.”

Dr. Ashok Srivastava, Founder and President of Navratan Foundation, warmly welcomed and thanked all dignitaries and attendees, extending his gratitude for their presence and encouragement.

The evening turned truly unforgettable when renowned singer Diwakar Sharma and other artists filled the hall with the magic of music. The fusion of melody and service resonated like a spiritual experience – a symphony of devotion and dedication.

Over 500 eminent guests attended the event, adding grace and gravitas. Among them were: Pradeep Chaturvedi (former Secretary, Rajya Sabha), Vimla Batham (Chairperson, Women’s Commission), Jameel Ahmad (international speaker), Rohit Srivastava (from Canada), Vaidya Achyut Kumar Tripathi (AYUSH Ministry), Vipin Malhan (NEA President), and many more.

Distinguished guests included Rajeev Srivastava (Principal Secretary, Election Commission), Vinod Mishra, Dr. V.S. Chauhan, Varsha Srivastava, Wing Commander Ashish Saxena, Dr. Kalpana Bhushan, Acharya Gautam Rishi, Aditya Gildiyal, Anu Khan, Colonel Amitabh Amit, Rakesh Sinha, Rajnish Sharma, Group Captain G.C. Mehra, Mridula Saxena, and other respected personalities from across the country.

In essence, 'Samarpan' was not just an annual celebration – it was a poem of social consciousness, an aarti of service, and a festival of compassion that echoed a powerful truth:
Until every eye at the farthest end of society glows with self-respect, our service remains incomplete.

Navratan Foundation's unwavering efforts continue to be a shining inspiration for all those who dare to dream of a better world – and have the courage to make it a reality.